

REMARKS (ELECTION/RESTRICTION)

This is in response to the Office Action of 03/08/2006. The Examiner's Office Action requires an election/restriction among the various claims as presented.

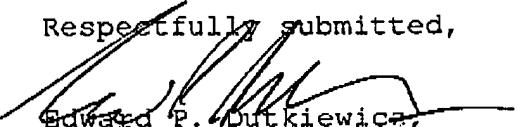
In response to the Examiner's requirement, applicant hereby elects Species I, the embodiment wherein the indicia on the rails are barcodes and/or the means for identifying the garment is a barcode, and the trolley is driven by a stepper motor. It is deemed that Claims 6 and 8 read on the elected Species.

Claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 have been deemed by the Examiner to be generic. In addition, it is urged that Claims 3, 4, 5, 7(a), 12 and 14 are also generic as they are each dependent upon a claim deemed by the Examiner to be generic and do not include any of the limitations of any of the species. Applicant reserves his right to file divisional, continuation, and continuation-in-part applications based upon the non-elected inventions.

Such election is made with traverse. It is urged that applicants' invention as drafted includes claims to various aspects of the present invention. A complete search, examination and office action on any one of the eight species would require a complete search, examination and Office Action on all of the claims. As such, withdrawal of the election/restriction requirement would add no burden upon the Examiner. It is urged, therefore, that the requirement be removed and the Examiner issue an Office Action on all the claims.

Favorable reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are
hereby requested.

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